



The State of Maryland

Executive Department

EXECUTIVE ORDER

01.01.2025.29

(Amends Executive Order 01.01.1986.12)

INDIVIDUALS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES [Developmentally Disabled Persons]

WHEREAS,

The Maryland Disabilities Law Center, Inc. was designated by Executive Order 01.01.1977.07 and again when later amended by 01.01.1986.12, as the agency responsible for the protection and advocacy of the rights of the developmentally disabled.

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Modifications to Executive Order 01.01.1986.12 are desirable to reflect the name change of the Maryland Disabilities Law Center, Inc. to Disability Rights Maryland and to update the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act, then- Public Law 94-103, to reflect its current codification, 42 U.S.C. §15041 *et. seq.*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WES MOORE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY THE CONSTITUTION AND LAWS OF MARYLAND, HEREBY AMEND EXECUTIVE ORDER 01.01.1986.12 AND PROCLAIM THE FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE ORDER, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY:

1. (a) **DISABILITY RIGHTS MARYLAND, INC., DOING BUSINESS AS THE** [The] Maryland Disabilities Law Center, Inc., a private, non-profit corporation incorporated under Maryland law, **WAS DESIGNATED BY EXECUTIVE ORDERS 01.01.1977.07 AND 01.01.1986.12 AND CONTINUED TO BE** [is] designated as the official agency, for purposes of **42 U.S.C. § 15041 ET. SEQ.** [Public Law 94-103], responsible for the implementation of the State system for the protection and advocacy of the rights of **INDIVIDUALS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES** [the developmentally disabled].
1. (b) **DISABILITY RIGHTS MARYLAND, INC.,** [The Maryland Disabilities Law Center, Inc.], shall perform the functions, duties, and responsibilities authorized to be performed or specifically delegated to it by the "State of Maryland Plan for a System to Protect the Individual Rights of and to Advocate for Persons with Developmental Disabilities under **42 U.S.C. § 15041 ET. SEQ.** [Public Law 94-103]."

2. **AFTER DISABILITY RIGHTS MARYLAND'S DESIGNATION AS THE PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY SYSTEM FOR THE STATE OF MARYLAND IN EXECUTIVE ORDERS 01.01.1977.07 AND 01.01.1986.12, CONGRESS ESTABLISHED ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS TO CREATE AND FUND LEGAL ADVOCACY PROGRAMS FOR ADDITIONAL CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES AND ISSUE AREAS. BASED ON THE DESIGNATION IN PARAGRAPH I(A) OF THIS ORDER, DISABILITY RIGHTS MARYLAND, INC. IS THE ELIGIBLE SYSTEM, AS DEFINED IN 42 U.S.C. § 10802(2) AND 29 U.S.C. § 794E(M)(I), RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STATE SYSTEM FOR PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY OF THE RIGHTS OF INDIVIDUALS WITH MENTAL ILLNESS (PAIMI) AND PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY OF INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS (PAIR).**
3. [2.] The designation of **DISABILITY RIGHTS MARYLAND, INC.**, [the Maryland Disabilities Law Center, Inc.,] as the official agency for purposes of **42 U.S.C § 15041 ET. SEQ.** [Public Law 94-103] shall continue unless amended, altered, or withdrawn by subsequent Executive Order.

GIVEN Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland, in the City of Annapolis, this 19th Day of December 2025.



Wes Moore
Governor

ATTEST:



Susan C. Lee
Secretary of State

